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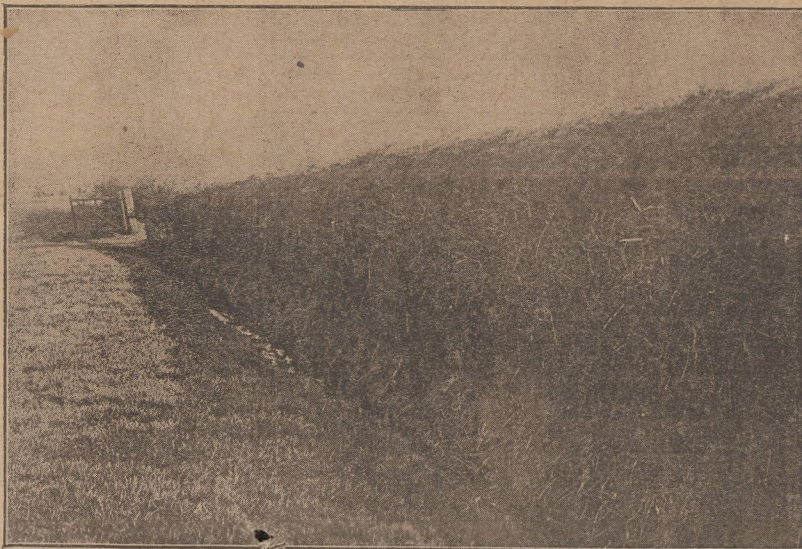
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THE DOWAGER DUCHESS OF ABERCORN, WHO DIED YESTERDAY.



In the larger of these photographs the Dowager Duchess of Abercorn, who died at Coates Castle, Sussex, yesterday, in her ninety-third year, is seen surrounded by a number of descendants and friends, who assembled at Montagu House in honour of her ninety-first birthday. The other photograph is the most recently taken portrait of the late Dowager Duchess.—(W. and D. Downey and Thomson.)

DIFFICULT JUMP ON THE GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE COURSE.



Valentine's Brook, one of the jumps the horses had to negotiate in yesterday's great race. It consists of a fence 4ft. 6in. in height, with a rail in front and a brook on the far side 5ft. wide.

GENERAL TREPOFF, TYRANT.



A report from St. Petersburg states that an attempt has been made to assassinate General Trepoff, two revolver shots being fired at him as he was driving to the Winter Palace.

MILLER.—On the 29th ult., at Lynwood, Tooting George Short Miller, aged 35, of 2, Belle Vue-road, Tooting, and 15, King-street, West Smithfield, the beloved son of Mary J. and the late G. S. Miller, after years of intense suffering most patiently borne.

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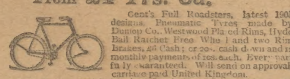
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THE DAILY MIRROR.

KAISER LANDS IN MOROCCO.

Picturesque Welcome in the
Streets of Tangier.

STRIKING SPEECH.

German Interests To Be Upheld in
"A Free Country."

The Kaiser paid his much-discussed visit to Morocco yesterday.

Whatever sinister significance may attach itself to the action of the German Emperor, there could be no doubt as to the almost frenzied cordiality with which he was received at Tangier.

In the thunder of the artillery which greeted the arrival of the liner Hamburg shortly before nine o'clock in the morning, it was significant that the guns of the French cruisers Du Chayla and Lionne joined.

Reuter's messages from Tangier state that his Majesty landed at noon, and was received by Mula Abd-el-Malek, the Sultan's uncle, with whom he entered into a long and spirited conversation. The Emperor's landing was delayed for some time by the rough sea.

"A FREE COUNTRY."

Deputations of leading Moors and of the German residents, who were assembled on the pier, were then presented, the latter handing his Majesty an address welcoming him to Morocco, and expressing their sentiments of unchanging loyalty.

To this the Kaiser made the following significant reply:—

I am happy to greet in you the devoted pioneers of German industry and trade, who are helping me in the task of always upholding in a free country the interests of the mother-country.

The presentations and speeches concluded, a start was made for the German Legation.

The trumpeters of the Moorish troops, drawn up at the Customs House, sounded a fanfare as the cortege passed.

WELCOME OF TRIBESMEN.

On its reaching the Sokko Square it was welcomed by the tribesmen assembled there with a grand exhibition of "powder play," while the Sultan's band played.

At the reception held at the German Legation the Foreign Ministers and Charge d'Affaires and a number of Moorish personages, including El Menebbi and the principal members of the German colony, were presented.

His Majesty left the Legation at half-past one. Before re-embarking on the Hamburg the German Emperor had a long conversation on the pier with Captain Fourrier, and took a cordial farewell of Mula Abd El Malek, who offered his Majesty the presents sent by the Sultan.

At two o'clock the guns of the battery announced to the population that the Emperor had returned to the Hamburg.—Reuter.

THE KAISER AT "GIB."

GIBRALTAR, Friday.—The Kaiser arrived here at 5.45 this afternoon on board the Hamburg from Tangier.

His Majesty was received with full honours, the fleet and garrison firing salutes.—Exchange.

BRITISH MINISTER'S ABSENCE.

PARIS, Friday.—A telegram to the "Petit Parisien" from Tangier states that much comment is made on the absence of Sir A. Nicolson, the late British Minister to Morocco, who, it is thought, might have come to Tangier to hand over his post to his successor and to greet the Emperor William.—Reuter.

PRISON BEFORE FREEDOM.

Kaiser's Leniency to a Woman Received With Tears of Distress.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

BERLIN, Friday.—A remarkable case of a Wilhelmshöhe woman who preferred prison to liberty has just come to light.

The criminal, who had received a life sentence for the murder of her stepdaughter, has been in prison for thirty years, and when the Kaiser pardoned her it was thought she would be full of gratitude.

Exercising a woman's prerogative, she upset all calculations by declaring that she wanted to remain in captivity.

"In prison," she said, with a fine air of philosophy, "I know what to expect. When I get out I do not know what will await me."

The prison authorities were compelled to obey Imperial orders and eject the prisoner, who sat outside the closed gates bemoaning her fate.

NO MEDIATION.

"Russia Must Make Direct Overtures,"
Says Viscount Hayashi.

"I do not believe it."

Thus emphatically Viscount Hayashi, the Japanese Minister in London, dismissed the peace rumours and the statement of a "Times" correspondent that "Russia and Japan have, on the initiative of the latter, selected President Roosevelt as the mediator."

"The whole temper of the Japanese people," said Viscount Hayashi, "is for the continuance of the war."

"True we have dealt a blow at Russia, but do you think we have effectually crippled her?"

"It is Russia that forced us to do as we have done, and, however terrible war may be, Japan must make a thorough job of it."

"If Russia makes official overtures for negotiations to end the war and the bloodshed, the Japanese Government will be pleased to confer on the subject."

"Peace is no nearer than that."

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S DENIAL.

NEW YORK, Friday.—The European report that President Roosevelt had been asked to act as mediator with a view of bringing about a cessation of the hostilities in the Far East is officially denied.—Exchange.

ENGLAND'S INFLUENCE.

Successful Issue Hoped for Foreign Office
Pressure on Japan.

It is an open secret (writes our Lobby correspondent) that Lord Lansdowne has for some weeks been busily engaged in bringing all possible pressure to bear upon the Japanese with a view to their acceptance of any overtures that may be made to them officially on the part of Russia.

The strongest belief prevails in the best-informed circles that any day may bring forth the announcement that an armistice has been decided upon with a view to terms of peace being considered.

Early next week the Government are to be pressed by the Opposition to make a declaration on the subject, but it is exceedingly doubtful whether at this early stage the Government will care to disclose exactly all they know about the matter.

PRINCESS'S MISSION.

Kaiser's Sister-in-Law Journeys to St. Petersburg
as Peacemaker.

Princess Henry of Prussia, sister-in-law of the German Emperor, and a sister of the Tsaritsa of Russia, is appearing in a new role.

She is leaving Germany to-day for St. Petersburg on an entirely diplomatic journey to the Russian Court, her Royal Highness having been entrusted by the Emperor William with a mission relating to the conclusion of peace.

Like the rest of the Tsaritsa's relatives, the Princess is extremely anxious for the speedy conclusion of the war; and her tactful manner and the fact that she is a favourite of the Tsar is one reason of her having been singled out for this delicate mission.

SHOOTING AT TREPOFF.

Discovery of a Plot To Assassinate
Ministers.

BERLIN, Friday.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the "Lokdlatzeiger" states that a revolutionist disguised as a commissioner attempted to murder General Trepoft while he was driving from his residence to the Winter Palace.

Two shots were fired at the General, but both missed their aim. Three secret service agents seized the assailant before he was able to fire again.

The correspondent adds that the police have discovered a complete plot to murder General Trepoft. Two other participants have also been arrested.

The police also believe that they have discovered a plot to assassinate M. Bulghin, the Minister of the Interior.—Central News.

WORKMEN DESERTING HARBIN.

ST. PETERSBURG, Friday.—A telegram from Guntzling states that General Lievitch has forbidden the inhabitants of Harbin, except women and children, to leave the town without special permits.

This order has been given to prevent the town from being bereft of its workmen.—Reuter.

JAPANESE TO OCCUPY SAGHALIEN.

PARIS, Friday.—The Tokio correspondent of the "Petit Parisien" says that a Japanese division, composed of men recently recruited, will land in Saghalien during April to take possession of the island.—Central News.

RIOTS FOR BREAD.

Hungry Mobbs Raid Shops and Pillage
Country Houses.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRID, Friday.—So acute has the distress in Andalusia and Malaga become that hunger-frenzied mobs are raiding bread and provision shops in Xeres, Rosario, Cordova, and many other towns.

Assistance sent by the Government has proved quite inadequate, and a very serious situation confronts the authorities. The gravest events are anticipated.

Country houses are being raided, and most of the mayors have openly forsaken their duties and given up all hope of coping with the trouble.

Deaths from sheer starvation are of hourly occurrence, for the famine district contains a population of over a million.

In Cordova, Xeres, Rosario, and other places religious processions parade the streets invoking the aid of Heaven.

Help can only come from without, for the crops have been destroyed by the long period of drought.

Abject misery prevails because it is realised that the country cannot recover itself for many months. So far the Government's municipal bakeries at Madrid, designed to provide bread for the famine districts, have proved practically useless, and the price of bread is prohibitive except to the well-to-do.

The newspapers describe the state of affairs as a national calamity of the first degree.

DIARY OF AN M.P.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Will Be Able To
Reduce Taxation.

HOUSE OF COMMONS LIBRARY, Friday Night.—As is usually the case during the weeks preceding the introduction of the Budget, the Chancellor of the Exchequer is seen but rarely in the House.

At present Mr. Austen Chamberlain is busy all day long with the heads of his departments obtaining material for his speech on the introduction of the Budget.

The financial year closes to-night, and the latest returns are regarded by the Treasury officials as exceedingly satisfactory from their point of view, and there is every prospect that the Chancellor of the Exchequer will be enabled to considerably reduce some of the taxation which has been introduced during the past few years.

It is confidently expected that income-tax and tea will receive the first consideration at the hands of the Chancellor, and, of course, any reductions under these heads will give the Government, at any rate, a temporary popularity in the country.

Very strong pressure is being put upon the Government by some of their supporters to induce them to secure the second reading of the Aliens Bill before the Easter recess.

This is due to the idea that in the event of an early dissolution there will be little chance of the measure being passed into law.

Mr. Balfour is understood to be favourably disposed towards taking the second reading, if possible, before the adjournment for Easter.

DOG SAVES MAILS.

Audacious Attempt at Robbery Frustrated by
a Faithful Pet.

The Leicestershire police are investigating a daring attempt to rob his Majesty's mails a night or so ago.

James Neale, the son of the postmaster at the village of East Norton, was taking the mail-bags to the railway station when a couple of men sprang out of a ditch and attacked him from behind. Neale was knocked down and one of his assailants attempted to secure the bags.

A dog accompanying the youth, however, promptly seized the would-be robber by the leg, and Neale shouted so lustily for help that the men abandoned their nefarious designs and made off across some fields.

ANOTHER ULSTER REVOLT.

The Ulster Unionist members of Parliament have intimated to the Government that, as "the continuance of the present Under-Secretary at Dublin Castle (Sir Antony MacDonnell) contributes a standing menace to Unionist interests," it is impossible for them to support the Government until Sir Antony is removed.

NO DAY WITHOUT MURDERS.

Not a day passes at Monastir, in Macedonia, without murders in the streets, the corpses being horribly mauled. The Greek merchant of the town, an Bulgarian professor, says a Constantinople telegram, are lying dangerously wounded, having been fired at while driving.—Exchange.

THE KING AT THE GRAND NATIONAL.

His Majesty Sees His Horse, Moifaa,
Fall in the Second Round.

SENSATIONAL RACE.

The King, wearing a heavy Astrachan overcoat, with a deep-red carnation in the buttonhole, and a light brown bowler hat, arrived at Aintree yesterday with Lord and Lady Derby and the Knowsley house-party long before the first race, and, looking very much better than when he left London for the north, watched the Grand National with the keenest interest.

The great race, always packed with exciting incidents, eclipsed all records. The surprises started early in the morning, when the King's jockey, George Williamson, was injured while out at exercise on Moifaa so severely that he was unable to ride in the big race, and a horseman quite unused to Moifaa was entrusted with the fortunes of the royal candidate.

The first race, in which the royal colours were carried unsuccessfully by Rosemarik, his Majesty watched with great interest, and also that for the Sefton Park Plate, won by Mrs. Langtry's Lella filly.

But these were merely preliminaries to the great event of the day, and the paddock became thronged to see the competitors. No afternoon on the Riviera could have excelled the delightful weather, brilliant sunshine with the crispness of spring in the air. Ladies were present in great numbers, and the aggregate attendance reached figures hitherto unknown at Aintree.

The King came down from the royal pavilion to see the horses parade before him in the paddock. Lord Roberts, looking very pale, and accompanied by his elder daughter, Lord Derby, and Lord Stanley, stood by while his Majesty took his seat with some ladies.

A sensational contest ensued. Moifaa ran well for the first circuit of the course, and passed the royal box in gallant style, crossing the water jump in the first flight. But on reaching Beecher's Brook he came to grief.

A TERRIBLE FENCE.

Beecher's is perhaps the most difficult fence of the thirty which have to be surmounted in the four and a half miles of the course. It is a thick thorn fence 4ft. 9in. high, with a breast rail 2ft. high in front close up against the spruced fence, and a natural ditch 6ft. 6in. wide and 3ft. 2in. deep on the side, having another fence beyond 2ft. 10in. wide.

Moifaa was not alone in his grief. Lord Sefton saw Louthorpe refuse to jump it, and indeed only eight out of the twenty-seven competitors finished the course.

The contest towards the end was watched with breathless excitement. Phil May's jockey rolled off from exhaustion, though the horse was not beaten at the penultimate jump, and its owner, Colonel Fenwick, put down his glasses with a snap. Kirkland, second to Moifaa last year, now had only Napper Tandy in strenuous opposition, and won in fine style.

The victory was received with great cheering, as Kirkland's owner, Mr. F. Bibby, is one of Liverpool's leading merchants and a very popular sportsman.

The overhauling of the turbine steamer Queen was completed yesterday at Dover, and she will go out of dock next Wednesday in readiness for the King's voyage across Channel. On Thursday he will embark at 11.45.

WRIT FOR THE SHAH.

Unpaid Architect Not Satisfied with a Pretty
Green Sash.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, Friday.—The Shah of Persia, when next he enters French territory, will be in danger of having his effects seized. The architect of the Persian pavilion at the Paris Exhibition of 1900, has never been paid for his work, though the Shah said "Very good."

The architect was made a commander of the Persian order of the Lion and the Sun, and duly received a pretty green sash from Telleran. But he was ruined, owing to the non-payment of his bill of £12,000.

MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

Severe shocks of earthquake causing landslip, and much damage have occurred in the island of Djerba and the district of Thala, Tunis.

The oldest member of the Danish Rigsdag, Kaumherth de Thygeson died yesterday at the age of ninety-six.

Captain Greville, M.P., is to-day to be presented by his constituents at East Bradford with three handsome silver candelabra, and Mrs. Greville by the ladies of the constituency with a silver inkstand, in view of the captain's approaching retirement.

DOYENNE OF THE PEERAGE DEAD.

Dowager Duchess of Abercorn
Mourned by 216 Descendants.

REMARKABLE LIFE.

After a long period of failing health, the Dowager Duchess of Abercorn died early yesterday morning at Coates Castle, Pulborough, Sussex. Half the peerage is thrown into mourning by her death.

The Duchess was ninety-three years of age, having been born in 1812, and had, therefore, lived in five reigns. She was a most remarkable woman—truly a grande dame, accomplished, witty, kind-hearted, and sympathetic. Up to the day of her death she was in full possession of all her faculties, having to use glasses only for reading.

Born Lady Louisa Jane Russell, a daughter of the sixth Duke of Bedford, she married the first Duke of Abercorn. One of the most remarkable things about this aged lady is the immense number of living direct descendants who mourn her. Her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren number 210.

Married at twenty, she had thirteen children—six sons and seven daughters. One daughter, the late Countess of Durham, had thirteen children, all of whom are living, and Harriet, Countess of Lichfield, had also thirteen children, of whom eleven are alive; while the present Duke of Abercorn has had nine children.

There are five sons living—the Duke of Abercorn and Lords Claud, George, Frederick, and Ernest Hamilton, and five daughters—the Countess of Lichfield, the Duchess of Buccleuch, the Countess of Winterton, the Marchioness of Blandford, and the Marchioness of Lansdowne. All these have children and grandchildren of their own, numbering in all 200.

Her immediate relatives include two dukes—Abercorn and Marlborough—and five future Dukes—the Marquis of Hamilton, the Marquis of Blandford, the Marquis of Carmarthen, the Earl of Dalkeith, and the little son of Lady Evelyn Cavendish, who will one day be Duke of Devonshire.

The Earl of Durham is a grandson, and two great-grandsons are Lord Herbert, the eldest son of the Earl of Pembroke, and Lord Clonmore, son of the Earl of Wicklow; while yet another great-grandson, the Earl of Tyrone, will one day inherit his father's marquise of Waterford.

Never Missed a Birthday.

"The Duchess's death is a very great shock and blow to us all," said a member of the family yesterday to the *Daily Mirror*. "She had had so many attacks that we all hoped she would get over this one. No one will ever be more missed than 'Chère Grand'mère,' as she was affectionately called, for she always took the deepest thought for and interest in us all, always writing to us on our birthdays—and there was one nearly every day."

Alas and increasing were the recollections of the Duchess. Although only a small child at the time, she could recall the funeral of George III. and the Coronations of George IV., William IV., and Queen Victoria. She received a special invitation from the King, besides that which was hers by right to be present at his Coronation, but her health did not permit her to accept.

She was a close friend of the late Queen and the Prince Consort. When Sir Robert Peel came into office in 1841 Queen Victoria tried to persuade her to become Mistress of the Robes, but she was unable to accept the post. Her daughter, the Duchess of Buccleuch, has been Mistress of the Robes for some years.

In her youth she was extremely beautiful, and was described in one of Lady Granville's clever and amusing letters as "exactly like what Lady Georgiana Gordon was"—her mother.

At Coates Castle, near Petworth, within a drive of Arundel and Goodwood, she welcomed all the members of her numerous family, to whom "Granny" had become a beloved and cherished personage.

Unique "Family" Necklace.

She was never parted from a curious necklace composed of thirteen amethyst and diamond beads, each having been presented to her by her husband on the birth of one of their children and in the course embellished by a portrait.

The Duchess till recent years was a regular visitor to Harrow on Speech Day. All her sons were educated there, and she was always very fond of Harrow boys, and interested in everything connected with the school.

During the South African war, in which several of her grandsons served, she knitted and worked many comforts for the soldiers.

TOMATO-POTATO PLANT.

Mr. W. Bell, of Mumby, near Alford, Lincolnshire, has produced a plant which will bear tubers at the root and tomatoes on the top.

He has spent many years in seeking for this curious result, and some of the tubers procured 2s. to 3s. each at Louth Market this week.

GREETED BY HEARSE.

Living Man Met at Railway Station by
His Own Funeral Party.

Stepping out of a train at his native village, and being met by a large party of relatives and friends dressed in black, who had assembled to accord honour to his dead body, is the extraordinary experience that has befallen a Cumberland gentleman.

He even heard the tolling bell of the village church mournfully proclaiming the event.

A letter had been received giving little hope of his recovery from an illness, and an ambiguous telegram which followed was misread as an announcement of his death at Bournemouth.

Much amazement naturally prevailed when the "dead" man, assisted by a doctor and nurse, stepped off the train.

He had expressed a wish to die in his native place, and shortly after arrival he succumbed.

MR. GERALD LODER.



Who, in consequence of his appointment as Junior Lord of the Treasury, is seeking re-election at Brighton.

"I WANT JUSTICE."

Grief-Stricken Father Bemoans a Son Slain by
a Motor-Car.

A painful scene took place at the inquest on Charles Hollingsworth, a Plimlico boy, who was killed by a motor-car.

Several witnesses had declared that the driver of the car was not to blame, when the father of the boy called out: "It's my boy; you can't bring him back to life. I want justice."

Coroner: You are doing your case a great deal of injury.

Father: I don't want money. I want justice, Coroner: If you can't be quiet you must leave the court.

Father: Very well, I will.
A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.

BOOT STRIKERS' VIOLENCE.

Men's Leader Says It Is the Work of
Mere Hobbledoys.

Further riotous scenes were witnessed yesterday in connection with the Army boot strike at Raunds. A "blackleg" who attempted to "run the blockade" was mobbed, but, after desperately defending himself, reached the factory.

During some stone-throwing which followed, one woman was seriously injured.

Councillor Gribble, the leader of the strike movement, told the *Daily Mirror* yesterday that the manufacturers were apparently determined to starve the men into submission, but they would find the men would sacrifice much rather than submit.

Men were being offered 2s. 7d. instead of 3s. 7d. per pair of boots. He repudiated the recent rioting as the work of hobbledoys.

COUNCIL IN A COTTAGE.

Friern Barnet District Council, who boast that it is the lowest rated authority in the metropolis, has decided to build new offices.

At present they transact their business in a parlour from which members sometimes retire overcome with the close atmosphere.

The officers work in bedrooms, and the harmony there is frequently interrupted by the pungent fumes of stewed onions from the culinary department.

WOMEN ON COUNCILS.

M.P. Opposes Bill for Fear of
His Wife.

AMUSING CONFESSION.

A striking commentary upon the pitfalls which await the passage of measures this Parliament was afforded in the House of Commons yesterday.

A Bill to enable women to act as councillors and aldermen of county and borough councils was read a second time by the overwhelming majority of 150. Yet, because objection was taken to the motion to refer the Bill to the Grand Committee on Law after half-past five—the hour for automatic adjournment—its progress is practically blocked for the rest of the session.

The measure would enable electors to place directly-elected women on education authorities, and to secure their services in other departments of local government, such as:—

Housing of the poor.
Superintendence of public lodging-houses.
Management of the female side of asylums.
Regulation of the employment of children.
Supervision of—Protection of children, industrial schools for children, midwives and baby farms, homes for indigent women, police courts and police court waiting-rooms.

The second reading was moved by Dr. Shipman, who eloquently pleaded that if women were queens in their homes they should be permitted to help to regulate the homes of the nation.

An ingenious and amusing confession was made by Mr. Herbert Robertson, the Conservative member for South Hackney: "My wife and family are against the Bill, and if I vote for it I shall have a rough time when I get home." (Titters and faint sympathetic cheers.)

"That's Home Rule," said a couple of sarcastic Irishmen. "Yes—of a sort," said Mr. Robertson, in tones of bitterness.

Only twenty-one members opposed the second reading of the Bill.

PREPARING TO MEET M.P.s.

Fishermen Golfers' Day of Practice Over
the Sandwich Course.

The Inverloch fishermen-golfers played over the Sandwich course yesterday, before meeting the Prime Minister and his team of M.P.s to-day.

Of the ten men eight are scratch on their own course at Whitelink Bay, and each began golf when a boy.

"If I had been as diligent at my lessons as I have been at the golf, I might have been a dominie the day," reflected one.

"But if I had any life to begin again, I'd do just the same. Golf's a sair temptation, and the school board's not vera friendly."

Like the great majority of golfers, the fishermen use the Haskell or other rubber-cored balls, though "to chaps like us they are vera, vera dear, and it's hard to thole the losin' o' them."

STAMPEDE OF MILL HANDS.

Exciting Escapes of Workpeople from a
Burning Cotton Factory.

Whilst the employees in one section of the Phoenix Spinning Mill at Preston were busily at work yesterday a fire broke out, and the mill was soon filled with choking smoke.

Scenes of great excitement ensued. The terrified millhands fled in alarm, leaving behind them jackets and coats containing watches and money.

They only effected their escape in time, for soon after the stampede the roof and upper storeys collapsed and the firemen ran great risks in extinguishing the flames.

Although they were successful in saving the main building, the smaller mill was gutted, and the damage, estimated at £5,000, will throw a number of hands out of employment.

The outbreak is attributed to friction in a mule carriage.

BESIEGED SCHOOLMISTRESS.

Miss Aspinall, the besieged schoolmistress of Shelton, North, has not been seen during the whole of this week, and it is surmised she has left the neighbourhood.

She has not delivered up any keys, but the ejectment order comes into force next week, and legal proceedings for the recovery of expenses incurred by the school managers will be commenced at once.

LADY RIFLE SHOTS' MARRIAGE.

Miss Lewes, of the South London Rifle Club, was, after the weekly shoot of the members yesterday, presented with a silver tea-service on her approaching marriage and departure for Canada.

FROCKS AND THRILLS.

Excitement of Lady Spectators at the
'Varsity Sports.

Close finishes and the presence of royalty, in the persons of the Prince and Princess of Wales, made the forthright "Oxford and Cambridge Sports," which took place yesterday at Queen's Club, a very successful function indeed.

The rain kept away, and this pleased the wearers of pretty frocks. Oxford snatched an unexpected victory from Cambridge by six and a half events to three and a half, and thus pleased those who like their athletics mixed with excitement.

The spectators of the pretty frocks grew almost as enthusiastic as the sportsmen, and when Henderson-Hamilton, the Oxford rider, broke "Varsity record by winning his race in time that outdid 'Lutwen's best' by 2sec.

When Crabbe tumbled down in the half-mile, just when it looked as if he might catch Cornwallis, and when he came back to the pavilion with his arms and legs tattooed with claret, the sympathy of the wearers of pretty frocks beat that of their brothers by scores of yards.

Full results on page 14.

TUNEFUL CONVICTS.

Schools of Music Make the Prisoner's Lot
More Hopeful.

Dartmoor Prison is being reformed in directions which make for more humanity in the treatment of convicts.

A juvenile adult school for the reclamation of youths too old for reformatories is being established. All criminals between the ages of seventeen and twenty-one, except those sent to Bostal, will be transferred to Dartmoor.

The education here is technical, carpentering being the most popular.

The warders have been specially chosen for their tactfulness and good example.

Music plays an important part in the new Dartmoor.

The organ in the chapel is being improved by a prisoner of talent. And another inmate, who in his free days was a champion organist, will play it, and, perchance, think as he plays of the freedom he has lost and will one day regain.

£900 FOR A LETTER.

Great Run in a Sale-Room on the Correspondence of Mary Queen of Scots.

No less than £900 was paid at Sotheby's yesterday for a fourteen-page letter in the autograph of Mary Queen of Scots.

The occasion was the fifth day of the sale of the John Scott library, and the total realised up to date is about £210,000.

The £900 is not a record price for a letter, the last letter written by Lord Nelson to Lady Hamilton having realised £1,030 last season.

Never, however, has there been a letter of the ill-fated Queen Mary realised such a sum, a two-page epistle only producing £435 in 1894.

The other notable prices were:—

"Against the Scottish Queen," 15th Century MS.	£
Per Cockburn's "Meditatio," 1555	201
"Discourse de la Mort Marie Stuart," 1587	104
Documents relating to a Stowery of Jewels from Mary Queen of Scots	119
History of Mary Queen of Scots, MS.	110
"La Harangue de Marie d'Estuart," 1563	116

ORDEAL BY MATINEE.

Untried English Music-Hall Artists Offered a
Novel Test.

Mr. Oswald Stoll has adopted a novel method of dealing with those English professionals who declare they have never had an opportunity of appearing before a London manager.

On April 27 he will place the Holloway Empire at the disposal of these aspirants to music-hall fame.

There will be a long matinee performance of as many as possible of these aggrieved English artists, and each will have in a five-minute "turn" an opportunity of securing an engagement with the Moss Empires.

The judges are to be a committee of well-known music-hall managers, while representatives of all newspapers will be asked to give a frank criticism of each "turn" upon a form provided.

CANNOT AFFORD ROYAL GUESTS.

On the score of expense the Hastings Corporation yesterday threw out a proposal to invite the Prince of Wales to open the new waterworks in the summer.

When the present King and Queen visited the town in 1892 a sum of £25,500 was spent in decorations and entertainment, and the corporation, in view of this, decided to reluctantly abandon the idea of extending the suggested invitation to the Prince.

SHATTERED ROMANCE

Girl of Sixteen Wooed by Alleged
Bogus Officer.

PAINFUL AFFAIR.

The shattered romance of a sixteen-year-old girl was investigated by the Sale magistrates yesterday, when Horace Nall was committed for trial for the abduction of Lillian Hugo.

Pretending to be an Army officer, Nall made the acquaintance of Miss Hugo in a casual manner.

She introduced him to her parents, who reside at Altrincham, Cheshire, and her father, deceived by his plausibility, permitted him to pay his addresses to the girl.

Nall's pretence was finally unmasked by a relative of the Hugos to whom he was introduced. But the young girl clung to her romance, and had clandestine meetings with Nall.

When this was discovered, her father chafed her, while her two brothers tried to thrash Nall, but were prevented by the crowd which gathered.

On March 18 Miss Hugo was out walking with her two sisters, and slipped away to join Nall.

The pair went to a Manchester church, where Nall tried to persuade the clergyman to marry them, but his request was refused.

They then took lodgings in a Manchester suburb, where they lived as man and wife.

In these lodgings Nall was arrested. Among the witnesses against him was Miss Hugo, who admitted in cross-examination that she had told him she was unhappy at home and had threatened to kill herself.

DOCTORS AND DIVORCE.

Widow Makes a Dramatic Appearance in the
Bullivant Case.

"I live at Boscombe, but seeing a report of this case in the newspapers, I have come forward to give evidence."

In a clear way Mrs. Rosalind Robinson then told Sir Gorell Barnes, in the Divorce Court, yesterday, how she and her late husband had lived happily together. Dr. Robinson had always denied the charges made against him by Dr. Bullivant.

The case was the adjourned hearing of the petition for divorce brought by Mrs. Bullivant against her husband, Dr. Bullivant, formerly of Mansfield, who after making a counter-charge against Mrs. Bullivant of misconduct with the late Dr. Robinson.

Counsel having addressed the jury, the president said that he would sum up the case on Monday.

CARMAN'S STAGE VENTURE.

Capital of £6 and a Ring Gone on a
Variety Company.

The story of a carman's theatrical speculation was told in the Tower Bridge Police Court yesterday, where Harry Watson, an advance agent, was charged with stealing a signet ring from Thomas King.

King is a carman, and advanced Watson £6 towards a tour in Durham and York with a variety company. He said that when they parted at Euston Station Watson begged the loan of his ring as "a token of respect and confidence."

But Watson never came back. From York he informed the carman of the failure of the tour, advising him to "lay low" or the enraged company would be "on to him" for their arrears of pay.

The defence was that the ring was a gift, and the accused was discharged.

STONING KENSIT PREACHERS.

Considerable disorder has arisen from the mission which is being conducted by the Kensit preachers at Consett, a Durham colliery town.

There is a large Roman Catholic population here, and they have resented this Protestant invasion.

The other night stones were thrown at the preachers, and they only escaped from injury by being protected by a double cordon of police.

BOVRIL

Makes a man feel fit—
Makes him as fit as he feels.

TO-DAY'S BATTLE OF THE BLUES.

Eyes of All England on the Classic Struggle of the

'Varsity Crews.

Of all the sporting contests in which the Light Blue University of Cambridge meets the Dark Blue University of Oxford, no struggle attracts so much attention within and without 'Varsity circles as the annual eight-oared Boatrace from Putney to Mortlake.

Not only does the result interest almost everybody in the British Isles, but Britons across the seas quite as anxiously await the issue as the crowd that lines the banks of Father Thames on the day of the race.

Indeed, it can safely be asserted that no sporting event has such a hold on public imagination as the annual rowing battle of the Blues, not even the Derby or the Cup Final.

The reason for this is not far to seek. There will always be a large section of the public who will have nothing to do with horse-racing, while the feminine mind has not yet learnt to grapple to any extent with the technicalities surrounding the game of football.

But from the white-headed father to the little boy who wears a favour, the meaning of which he hardly knows, and cares less, in every British family there is a soft spot somewhere for the inter-'Varsity Boatrace.

A Plain Issue.

Knowledge of the pastime from its technical side is unnecessary, for the issue at stake is so plain that every person able to distinguish between the two colours can annex one as his own and stick to it from the cradle—almost to the grave.

Looked at from the sporting and athletic side, the function presents many interesting features.

After walking, rowing and swimming stand out as a form of athletics exercising most of the muscles which go to form our complex anatomy, while the calls on one's physical strength and endurance quite apart from the skill which every form of competitive exercise exacts, stamp the rowing man as one of the fittest of human creatures.

The Blue, as you see him at Putney, is the finished article, and as one watches the long boat as it glides along propelled by the machine-like motions of the men, it is well to call to mind the hard work each individual oarsman is called upon to go through while in the stage of his career, which has been aptly called "The Blue in the Making."

The Choice.

From the trial heats rowed in the October term each president selects likely candidates to fill the vacancies left by the Blues who have "gone down," and when the Lent term begins, in January, the crews for the great contest are provisionally made up, and from thence till the fatal day of the race all that coaching and practice can do is exerted by the powers that be to turn out a crew that shall worthily uphold the honour of the university.

For some time after the practice starts only the sporting papers give particulars of the work done, but when the crews leave the university towns and go into really strict training, the reports of their doings begin to creep into the daily papers, and the man in the train begins to form his judgment, or, in other words, to absorb somebody else's judgment as to which crew is likely to win.

Interest is gradually fanned into a little flame, which grows and grows until, with the advent of the last week's training, every man you meet with the least self-respect is talking Boatrace.

The interest in this year's encounter has not been diminished by the fact that from all sides comes the opinion that the race will be an even one.

For the last three years, and since they broke up Oxford's long nine years' run of victory, the Light

LOVE IN A CHEESE

A South Shields tradesman has had a novel and arduous task thrown on him by a Canadian cheese manufacturer.

Opening an American cheese the other day he found a small bottle addressed to our "English Friend," and dated from Frankville, Canada.

The communication requested him to give the letter to the "prettiest girl in the town."

With this lady the writer invites correspondence, but the merchant has declined the awkward commission.

PREMIER AS "USURPER."

"The great usurper who is at the head of the present Government, and who is the tool who has brought this about, will soon be sent to the oblivion so well deserved."

So declared a passive resister, amid loud applause, when appearing with eighteen fellow-thinkers, at the Scarborough Police Court yesterday.

Blues have generally been expected to win the race, and have but once betrayed the trust of the British public.

The question of the hour, as to who will win the race, returns to one void of a solution. It will not be for long, however, for by midday the result should be widely circulated.

It has been argued that the boat containing the greatest number of old Blues has, other things being equal, the best chance; but here again one is faced by the fact that both boats will contain four gentlemen who have had their nerves tried by this most exciting of tests.

Of the Cambridge eight, Messrs. H. Sanger, B. C. Johnston, P. H. Thomas, and R. V. Powell are old hands, while the Oxonians with a like qualification are Messrs. R. W. Somers-Smith, A. H. Hales, E. P. Evans, and A. K. Graham.

Both strokes, it will be noticed, are fresh to their work.

Some Exciting Contests.

As mentioned above, the race of recent years has been a "good thing" for Cambridge, but the past history of the battle has furnished some memorable races.

The most exciting since Oxford finished their long run in 1898 occurred in 1901, when, on March 30, Oxford, using what is known as "The Brocas Bend," won by two-fifths of a length only, in 22min. 31sec.

The previous year, 1900, saw Cambridge secure the easiest win since the contest began in 1829, by twenty lengths, in the record time of 18min. 45sec.

J. H. Gibson, who afterwards distinguished himself at Henley, was the stroke. Notable incidents in connection with the race would fill columns. Once the race had to be postponed on account of fog; that was in 1880.

In 1900 two brothers—the Etherington-Smiths—rowed in different boats, a thing so far unique. It is an extraordinary thing about the contest, too, that so many of the men should have distinguished themselves in after life.

Two Embryo Deans.

The first race in 1829 saw Charles Wordsworth, the future Bishop of St. Andrew's, Toogood, afterwards Prebendary of York, and two embryo deans occupying seats in the Oxford boat while Selwyn, of New Zealand and Lichfield, now of Cambridge.

The retiring headmaster of Eton took part in 1857, and at least three Light Blues have afterwards become Judges.

It is impossible in the space at our command to say anything of the many famous oarsmen and masters of their craft that have at one time or the other been in the race.

There was J. H. D. Goldie (1869-70-71-72), the Nickallses, the Pittmans, T. C. Edwards-Moss, etc., names that conjure up great struggles and stand for all that is good and great in the Titanic encounter.

HINTS FOR SPECTATORS.

The following table of probable times at which the various landmarks on the river will be passed will prove useful:—

Start from Putney		The Doves	11.40
Bridge	11.30	Chiswick Ferry	11.44
London R.C. Boat-house, Putney	11.31	Barnes Railway Bridge	11.48
Hammermill W'g	11.38	White Post	11.53
		Lake	11.58

The best means of reaching the first three points, from central London is by train from Waterloo to Putney, or from any of the District Railway stations to Putney Bridge, or by omnibus to Putney.

Hammermill is reached by omnibus and by the District Railway. Chiswick, Barnes, Putney, and Mortlake are served by the London and South-Western Railway from Waterloo. Special trains will be run.

CAPTAIN'S BAD LUCK CONTINUES.

The gallant captain who filled his luncheon with bottled beer and lost his money on Mark Time at Epson races last year lost his action against his cabman in the King's Bench Division yesterday. Captain Locke himself caused the accident in which he was injured by pulling the reins, said the defence, and the jury evidently agreed.

DECEIVED BY A PITEOUS TALE.

"Would you oblige Mrs. Gilbertson with a black skirt? Her brother has just died suddenly."

Taken in by this story, which proved to be false, Joseph Herries, a New Southgate draper, lent a skirt to Edith Gooday, a servant-girl. Mrs. Gilbertson was a customer of his.

At Highgate yesterday Gooday was sentenced to five days imprisonment.

Mrs. Farrow, whose husband was foully murdered by masked robbers in a Deptford oil shop on Monday, died from the effects of her injuries yesterday in the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich.

DANGER OF DOMINOES.

Players in a Cafe Raided and Charged
Under Gaming Act.

Excitement ran high in Newcastle shipping and mercantile circles yesterday, and with good reason. During the day a police raid had been made upon the Tunis Café, a well-known commercial rendezvous, and a number of customers were caught red-handed in the act of playing dominoes.

Fifteen ap wires were made, among those arrested being some gentlemen well known in the Newcastle mercantile world and two pretty waitresses.

In the afternoon they were charged before the Newcastle magistrates under the Gaming Act, and a police inspector told a shocked Bench how he had found eleven young men playing dominoes. The incident opens up a vista of possibilities too dice to be considered calmly.

If, for instance, the City Police were to follow the Newcastle lead, and raid the many Meccas of the London domino-players between the hours of two and three, Stock Exchange business would probably be automatically suspended, while Lloyd's and the Baltic would be empty and silent. It is a dismal look-out for many a dashing young City clerk.

The Newcastle Bench suspended judgment, and remanded the prisoners on their own recognisances until next Wednesday.

INDEX AT FAULT.

Literary Commercial Traveller Puzzled Over
His Encyclopedia Britannica.

"It is faulty and inaccurate in regard to its index."

It was the "Times" Encyclopedia Britannica against which such a charge was brought at the Clerkenwell County Court yesterday.

A commercial traveller named Arthur Hammond, of Tooting on Park, had been sued by the publisher of the "Times" for five guineas as the balance due on the work, and this was his defence.

For the "Times," Mr. Woodcock contended that the alleged errors were in some cases only very minor ones, and in the others non-existent. "There is, for instance, the word 'Alghieri,'" said he. "The article is, of course, on Dante, but Mr. Hammond evidently did not connect Dante with Alghieri."

"We say," added counsel, "that it is a most marvellous index. It cost £13,000 to prepare."

Judge Edge: No publisher guarantees that every I shall be dotted or every t crossed. (Laughter.) There is no defence. Verdict for plaintiff, with costs.

£293,000 OFF THE RATES.

L.C.C.'s Reply to Private Company's Attack
Upon Their Tramway System.

A circular letter of Messrs. Tilling, Ltd., the well-known London omnibus proprietors, in opposition to the extension of the London County Council tramways over the Thames, has induced Mr. Allen Baker, chairman of the Highways Committee, to write to the *Daily Mirror* in vindication of the London County Council system.

He complains of the statement that the tramways have not been self-paying. They have been entirely self-supporting, he says, since the first year the Council took them over.

In proof thereof he quotes these striking figures:—

Applied in reduction of rates, over	£293,000
Paid for sinking fund charges in reduction of debt during the same period	335,220
Paid for interest on capital	414,000
Set aside as a reconstruction reserve to serve fund for the southern system	60,000
Paid in rates and taxes, in respect of the southern system during the past six years	90,000
Paid in reduction of debt from proceeds of sale of houses, rolling stock, surplus property, etc.	126,220

Mr. Baker also points out the advantages to the working classes of the Council's tramway system.

"A summons for torts on the body" was demanded at Greenwich Police Court yesterday. The applicant, who is described as a very pale, thin, wild-looking young man, was informed that he could not be in his right mind. He expressed his thanks and withdrew.

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TWO-SOULD BODY.

Girl Who Possessed a Dual Personality
and Lived Two Lives.

RESULT OF INFLUENZA.

Persons possessed of a variety of personalities are the subject of a fascinating article in this week's "Lancet."

It is urged that in the second, or altered, phase, the individual, notwithstanding that his character, manner, and capabilities may be completely altered, conducts himself in a rational and purposeful way.

A remarkable case, reported by Dr. Albert Wilson, is quoted. The subject was a girl of twelve and a half years, of healthy parentage, who had herself been healthy in mind and body until she was attacked by influenza, after which the changes of personality manifested themselves.

Some of these were complete, others incomplete, some sudden, others gradual in appearance.

In some the patient was totally, in all partially, ignorant of her life during other states.

Acquirements such as drawing, writing, and also normal faculties present in certain states were lost in others.

Whilst in a blind condition the patient developed the faculty of drawing with the aid of touch alone, this sense being enormously increased in delicacy.

SOLDIERS AND THE BIBLE.

Chaplain-General Draws a Picture of Simple Piety in the Ranks.

An eloquent vindication of Tommy Atkins was given yesterday afternoon by the Chaplain-General of the Forces, Bishop Taylor, at St. Edmund's Church, Lombard-street.

Previous to the South African war, he said, the soldier was looked upon as a rough, "boozing," blaspheming being trained to destruction. He was not looked up to, but looked down upon.

This idea was now completely changed, but there was still a lack of appreciation of the great work soldiers had done for the Church from the earliest ages.

We should not in future despise the soldier and call him common and unclean. He knew of many men who met together over Bible study and prayer on the veldt of South Africa, and also in Somaliland, and he knew that it was the custom of men in the Guards regiments stationed in London to meet for prayer every morning half an hour before reveille.

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Careful Calculation.

A question has recently been raised about the smallest amount for which it is possible to purchase a reference library of standard up-to-date works such as every intelligent person frequently needs.

In order, if possible, to find a solution to this problem a list has been prepared of the cheapest standard works upon practically every branch of knowledge.

The result of this experiment has been to prove that £240 is the lowest sum for which such a reference library can be purchased.

Thanks, however, to modern publishing enterprise it is now possible to obtain the contents of this £240 reference library, presented in a succinct but thoroughly comprehensive form, for the nominal sum of 23s. 4d. "The Harmsworth Encyclopedia" offers this astounding bargain to its purchasers.

The demand for Part I. was so enormous that the Publishers were quite unable to cope with the orders that poured in, though the printers were kept working night and day. The Newspapers were not to blame for the delay, and it is expected that all orders will be met by Monday.

The second fortnightly instalment of "The Harmsworth Encyclopedia" will be published on Tuesday next, and will contain 160 profusely illustrated pages dealing with over 1,200 different subjects.

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INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS.

His Majesty is spending much time in reading proofs of the "Life and Letters of Queen Victoria," a forthcoming work, compiled by Lord Escher and Mr. A. L. Benson.

An owl has been killed by flying against the telegraph wires near Newport, Mon.

Major-General Baden-Powell will inspect the Cardiff and district battalion of the Boys' Brigade on Whit-Wednesday.

The body of Miss Nottley, who was hurled into the Trent in a motor-car accident three weeks ago, was recovered yesterday.

Conditions of a rifle match between teams of the Queen's Westminster Rifles and the 7th National Guards, of New York, to take place at Bisley, have been settled.

It is suggested that any survivors of the 200,000 special constables sworn in during the Chartist demonstrations in 1848 should meet on April 10 and commemorate the event.

"Will it turn out sausages?" asked a bidder at the auction of a printing machine at Cardiff. "Oh, yes," said the auctioneer. "Then I offer six shillings," said the wag. The machine realised 37s. 6d.

That the saddlery business has been in a bad way lately through the competition of "cheap-jacks" selling off Government stock was alleged by a bankrupt trader at a creditors' meeting at Tiverton.

A census taken by 170 young men in the Roman Catholic mission district of St. George's Cathedral, Southwark, has resulted in the discovery of 3,000 adherents of the Communion whose existence was unsuspected by the clergy.

Lady Macdonald, the widow of "Fighting Mac," is shortly to take up her residence in Newcastle, where her son is an apprentice at the Armstrong works.

The Cardiff Council is considering the question of conferring the freedom of the borough on Mr. Andrew Carnegie.

"The dead has come to life again. Just my luck," said George Gameson, a groom, charged with bigamy at Coventry.

The Southport Free Library will in future send consignments of books on a tricycle to the various local schools, where they will be distributed by the head-teachers among scholars who desire them.

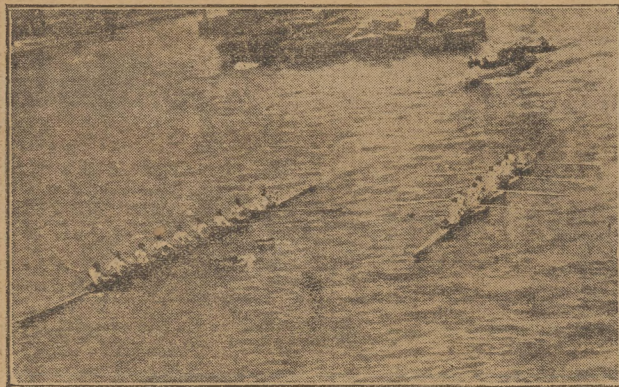
"I used to see God in everything, and life was very beautiful to me then. But I have lost faith and can't bear it," wrote Florence Clarke, a weaver, of Marple, Cheshire, before drowning herself in a canal.

"Thinking it was the devil," some sportsmen who were shooting rabbits in Groveley Woods, Wilts, shot at a monster bird flying overhead. It proved to be a great sea-eagle, with a wing-spread of seven feet.

To the Yarmouth police a bricklayer named Appleton, now in prison, has confessed to the murder of a man at Newcastle twenty years ago. He says he threw the body into a ditch. At Newcastle the report is not believed.

The mistaken reading of a telegram, by which it was understood that a local gentleman had died at Bournemouth, and that his body was coming home for burial, caused a large crowd to assemble at a Cumberland station. They were amazed to see the "deceased" gentleman step out of the train accompanied by doctor and nurse.

CAMBRIDGE PRACTISING FOR TO-DAY'S RACE.



Yesterday, Cambridge, who appear on the right, practised starts against a London eight. Our photograph shows them hard at work.

The crew of the wrecked mail steamer Orizaba arrived at Plymouth yesterday.

Expresses between London and Scotland were considerably delayed yesterday by the derailing of four goods wagons at Grtna, near Carlisle.

For failing to produce their licences 230 motor-car drivers were summoned by the Metropolitan Police between January 1, 1904, and February 28, 1905, and of these 216 were convicted.

Parliamentary representation for Manchester University, combined for this purpose with other English universities not yet represented, is urged in the "Manchester University Magazine."

The Heywood education authority has decided not to supply Bibles to the elementary schools on the ground that it has nothing to do with the religious instruction of the scholars.

American officials are coming to England to inquire into the system of shipping aliens from our ports for New York. It has been found that 40 per cent. of the immigrants enter American workhouses within three months of their landing.

An American pensioner who is in receipt of £40 a year from the United States Government, told the magistrate at Oswestry that "he would return to America, which was a free country." He had been mulcted in costs for being drunk and disorderly.

"I am going to curse you with the 100th Psalm," said Sam Booth, a tailor, to the Workshop magistrates when fined for being drunk. The reference is, "Let his days be few, and let another take his office. Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow."

"Notice is heard by given that boys who intend going cladding at easter is requested to send in their names to fred camps not later than the end of this month." This notice appears in a shop-window in St. Minver, Cornwall. Presumably it refers to the golfing season.

The question of the abolition of all Army schools is being considered by the authorities.

In Trafalgar-square to-morrow afternoon the National Union of Gasworkers and General Labourers will celebrate its sixteenth anniversary.

A calculating machine of pocket size, known as the "Adix," already in use in various City offices, was publicly demonstrated yesterday.

"Don't marry again, dear. You know marriage is a failure unless one has plenty of money," was the written advice to his wife of a Hereford man charged yesterday with attempting to commit suicide.

Employment of hands during meal-times, failure to allow 400 cubic feet of space to each employee, fourteen months' non-examination of a boiler, were offences under the Factory Acts punished by the Thames magistrate yesterday.

A piece of red glass found in the house of Richard Tomney, in Newcastle, exactly fitted a broken bull's-eye lantern picked up in a local insurance office that had been burgled. Tomney has been remanded on a charge of stealing £124.

To a complaint from the London County Council of the failure of the water supply at the critical stage of a fire in Church-road, Battersea, on February 20, the Metropolitan Water Board has replied that the supply of water was sufficient to enable eight engines to work from it.

Two vaccination Bills appear in the Parliamentary Papers. One proposes to abolish compulsory vaccination; the other provides exemption from future proceedings for any parent who at the birth of a child pays a fee of 1s. and declares conscientious objection to vaccination.

Mr. Balfour is to be asked if he can afford the House of Commons an opportunity "to express the sense of the country with regard to the proposed dismissal of 40,000 Volunteers now serving their country without reward" other than by moving the reduction of the War Minister's salary.

HOW CHILDREN ARE TORTURED.

Photographs of Instruments Used
by Brutal Guardians.

TSAREVITCH'S TOY.

Seldom has a man done work which is so universally applauded as the Rev. Benjamin Waugh, the founder and director of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

That his self-imposed task was necessary has long since been proved by the long list of convictions the society have obtained each year. But how necessary it is will be even more fully appreciated when the instruments of torture which appear in our photograph on page 8 have been inspected.

Many of them look as though they had come from the dungeons of the Inquisition, and the sickening details of the way in which they were used would confirm this impression.

HOW THE WORK BEGAN.

The society was started by Mr. Waugh in 1884. It then had only one small room in Harpur-street, W., as an office. The matron was the director's wife, and he had only one assistant inspector. Now it has an income of nearly £60,000 a year, 170 inspectors, and 840 branches in all parts of England.

That its inspectors are kept busy is proved by the fact that the society deals with nearly forty thousand cases every year.

Imagine it! Forty thousand helpless children so badly treated that their unnatural guardians are punished by the law. The methods of the society have been subjected to some sharp criticism, but remembering the terrible amount of brutality that went unpunished before it existed one is bound at least to credit the founder with a work that deserves all praise.

UNHAPPY TSAR'S SON.

Few will be able to look at the photograph of the little Tsarevitch's first toy, which is reproduced on page 8, without feeling a pang of pity for the child with such a melancholy life-prospect before him. Born while his father's country was embroiled in a disastrous war with a foreign foe and torn by internal dissensions at home, his unhappy parent hearing almost daily that Russian soldiers had been slaughtered in thousands or that one of his Ministers had been assassinated or had his life attempted, what chance has this poor child of even a moderate amount of happiness in his life?

REVIVALISTS SHOCKED.

As our photograph on page 8 shows, the Torrey-Alexander Mission Hall at Brixton is surrounded by the most incongruous advertisements, and it is hardly surprising to hear that many interested in the mission object to such posters on the hoardings. "The Girl Who Lost Her Character," "The Gay Parisienne," advertisements of music-halls and intoxicants all appear together beneath the great board announcing the opening of the mission.

CHLORINATED TEA.

Peculiar Lincoln Beverage Which Has Become
Highly Unpopular.

"I am not suggesting that the present supply is safe; it has never been that; but it is actually safer at the present moment, apart from the chemical treatment, than it has been for several years at least."

That is the conclusion of a special correspondent of the "Times," who has been studying the typhoid epidemic at Lincoln, respecting the actual water supply of the city. He doubts whether considerations of water purity did seriously affect race-goers this week, as "frequenters of race meetings have not what might be called an irresistible craving for water as a beverage."

The treatment of the present supply with chlorine is unsatisfactory because, while it kills all bacteria, it makes the water undrinkable. Tea made with chlorinated water is very dark and thick and strong and bitter.

Going to London?

A small private advertisement in the London

"EVENING NEWS"

is the best medium for securing or letting.

LONDON APARTMENTS

12 words, 1/-, Carmelite House, London, E.C.

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THE SPORTING INTEREST.

AMID all the changes and chances of this manifold life it is curious that the Oxford and Cambridge Boatrace still keeps its popularity. As many people line the banks of the Thames; the shouting is just as enthusiastic, the rival colours are as widely worn as in the days when the race was a novelty. It seems to have become a permanent institution.

The reason lies partly in the fact that it comes at a time when people are glad to spend a morning in the open-air; and even more in the sporting nature of the contest. It is always the sporting interest that appeals to Englishmen. They are only interested in politics when there is a chance of one side turning the other out. They like horse-racing and cricket and football because it is an excitement to see which side will win. Tests of endurance or skill which have no definite result leave them cold.

The Boatrace is an ideally exciting event. One side must win (unless by a million to one chance there should be another dead-heat, as in 1877). The course is a short one. The crews have to exert themselves to their utmost the whole time. They can be seen by a very large number of people. The only drawback is that very few people can see the race from start to finish. Still, the result is known very quickly, which is the next best thing.

The race this year seems likely to be a very close thing. At one time Cambridge were hot favourites, but the changes in their boat, and the unexpected improvement in the Oxford crew's form, have made it anybody's victory. If only the delicious weather of yesterday morning is repeated to-day, the conditions of the contest will be all that could be desired.

ARE WOMEN UNJUST?

Men never say such hard things about women as women say about themselves; and the strange thing is that women do not seem to mind being abused by members of their own sex.

If a man had got up at the Hardwicke Society's debate on the desirability of having women on juries, and had declared that women were "by nature unfair," every woman in Gray's Inn Hall would have risen up in wrath and clamoured for his blood.

Yet, so far as we can gather, Mrs. Craigie's indictment of her sex in these harsh terms aroused scarcely even a protest. Presumably women act on the same principle as those families we all know, whose members do not mind what hard things are said among themselves, but who unite instantly to repel with vehemence the slightest aspersion from an outsider.

As to the truth of the charge, we should say for our own part that, if women have a smaller sense of fairness than men (about which we are not at all convinced), it must be attributed to the essential differences between them in body and in mind.

Women, to begin with, are weaker than men. Therefore they have to rely more upon strategy. They are forced often to arrive by roundabout roads at the havens where they would be. Methods may seem far enough to them which a man would call "a bit low-down."

Again, women have their wills far more developed than their reasoning powers. Their wills are far stronger than those of most men. When they have set their heart upon anything, they get it somehow or other: there is no thwarting them. Now, it is undeniable that people who are determined to have their own way are frequently led by their imperiousness into paths which do not recommend themselves to calm reason. That is another explanation of woman's lack of fairness (if it exists).

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Religion is not a system of doctrines, an observance of mores, a form of words, but consists in a profound humility and an universal charity.
Benjamin Wilchelte.

THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

There is only one person who shares their proud eminence, and that is Mr. W. A. L. Fletcher, the famous rowing-coach, known to his very familiar friends as "Flea." This year he has coached Oxford, but he has assisted both crews to victory several times. Mr. Fletcher is not only a splendid coach so far as rowing is concerned, but men train well under him. He is a person of determination, which gives his crew confidence.

Mr. Fletcher once offered to instruct the Cambridge crew at a time when their oarsmanship was suffering from the bad management of a certain rival coach. One day, as he was exhorting the "Varsity" boat from the towpath, his rival, who was teaching some freshmen, was heard scornfully telling them to "watch that crew, if they wanted to see how not to row." Immediately Mr. Fletcher

went up to him and offered him the choice between an apology and a ducking. He chose an apology, and troubled Mr. Fletcher no more.

Everyone will be sorry to hear that Mr. Marion Crawford, the novelist, is seriously ill. Most people know his writings, for he is one of the half-dozen most popular writers in the English language, but he has managed to keep his personality very much in the background. Fifty-one years of age, it is just over twenty years since his first book, "Mr. Isaacs," appeared. He laid that foundation of his literary fame in thirty-five days, for he began and finished the book in five weeks.

Mr. Watkin Mills is really becoming too much of a traveller. He only returned from a concert tour round the world in January, and last night he sang at a farewell concert before starting on another. Perhaps if he hurries he may get a second glimpse of the Russian Baltic Fleet. As his ship steamed home through the Red Sea they met the Russians, who signalled to them, but did not interfere. Mr. Mills sang a long farewell song as they disappeared, for, as he says, "We all shared the idea that we had seen the last of them, and that they would never come back."

Miss Alice Roosevelt is engaged again by the American paper, "Town Topics," to Senator Beveridge, a widower of forty-two, this time. To engage her to someone or other is a regular thing in the American Press. The details are given quite circumstantially, and the wedding is even announced to take place in June. Still, even sticking to facts only, Miss Roosevelt's name would appear in the papers pretty frequently, for she is very much the strenuous daughter of her strenuous father, and her adventures are many and exciting.

Miss Roosevelt seems to have quite a partiality for motor accidents. She had a nasty smash once when her car and another came into collision, and she was stunned. Another time the car which she was driving overturned into a ditch. Only the other day an officer who was driving her had to charge a ditch to avoid a collision. She was the first American woman to make a descent in a submarine. She has shot mountain lions, and she has even been badly mobbed and nearly trampled under foot by crowds of enthusiastic admirers.

You said the other day (writes a correspondent) that a block of flats was being built upon the site of the Harley House Convent, in Devonshire-place, Marylebone. As a matter of fact, a block already stands upon that site. The new flats are being put up close by. It is worth recalling, as a contribution to the history of disappearing London, that old Harley House had an interesting history.

It was occupied at one time by the old Queen of Oude. It was there she set her dress alight and was burnt to death. As a convent it was occupied by the sisters of the Order of the Reparatrice. It is what is known as a close Order, that is to say, the sisters never go out into the world. They were the great friends of young foreign seamen coming to this country, and a large school of orphan children went daily to them for instruction.

The uniform of these children in the summer-time was brown holland, with red stockings and red caps. When they were all in the great old garden, with its huge elms and its great high wall, and when the sisters in their dress white dresses and long pale blue veils watched over their games in the summer sunlight, the sight was a very pretty one. The scene, by the way, was exactly reproduced in that well-known drama, "The Price of Peace," at Drury Lane.

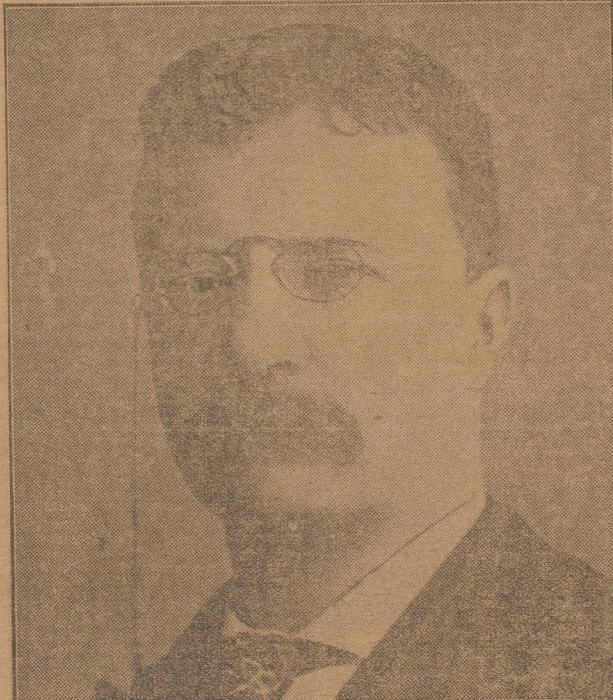
There is at any rate one music-hall manager who does not believe that Continental performers are necessarily better than the home product, and he is Mr. Oswald Stoll, manager of the largest music-hall business in the world. In a letter to the "Daily Mail" yesterday he offers to give a special performance at which any English performers may have a five-minute "turn" and a chance of showing what they can do before a committee of London managers. And, what is more, he promises engagements to such as shall be adjudged of sufficient talent. Mr. Stoll's post-bag ought to be of a record size for some time to come.

But it takes a good deal to frighten Mr. Stoll. Ever since he started on his career as manager of a music-hall in Liverpool, at the age of fourteen, his business has grown and grown. Those early days of his must be rather amusing to him now, though he took them seriously enough then. The hall itself belonged to his step-father, and on his death the boy and his mother plucked bravely into the business. The youthful manager used confidently to offer performers £3 a week, only to learn afterwards that their regular salary was £29 a week. Now, before he is forty, he is the head of every music-hall and the Coliseum, which is his own property. Every day he provides entertainment for some 50,000 people, and employs about 600 performers a week; in addition to nearly 400 supernumeraries and 2,200 employees, while his orchestras contain about 1,600 instrumentalists.

"IN MY GARDEN."

This feature will to-day be found on page 11.

WILL PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT BE ABLE TO MAKE PEACE?



According to a correspondent of the "Times," supposed to be supplied with good information, arrangements are now being made for the President of the United States to act as arbitrator of conditions of peace between Japan and Russia.

A MAN OF THE MOMENT.

Richard Strauss.

THIS afternoon he conducts his now famous "Domestic Symphony" at Queen's Hall. He is the most-talked-of composer of the present day.

Strauss—unlike other musicians—has never had to struggle hard for fame. It came to him as a young man, not much over twenty, when his talent was recognised and his reputation as a composer and conductor at once established in Germany.

He is just now over forty, and an interesting, disturbing personality. There is a curious "unearthly" look in his blue eyes which no one who meets him ever forgets. There is something a trifle uncanny about the man, as there is about his music.

Although he must have an amazing brain power and intellectual capacity, he is simplicity itself in private life.

Strauss, who is a warm friend of Mr. Henry J. Wood, likes our country very much. There are some things in England, however, which he does not approve of.

An amusing story is told of a visit he paid to the Isle of Wight. He went out on a Sunday morning to bathe, but found the machines locked up.

Thoroughly annoyed (having had to walk a mile or so to the beach) he rushed up to a machine, banged it with his fist, exclaiming, "Ah, you English gentlemen, with your horrid Sundays!"

One affliction Strauss always bears with exemplary patience. He is invariably being confused with the popular waltz-writer. At the Strauss festival an old lady, who had secured the programme with disappointment at finding no waltzes there, sent a note to the artist's room saying: "Please do play one of your charming waltzes as an encore!"

ALL-FOOLS' DAY.

What Is Its Origin?

WHAT is to-day, the First of April, known as "All-Fools' Day"? Nobody knows. There is no mention of "All-Fools' Day" in old writings, though the literature of the eighteenth century has many references to it.

Can we have got our customs from India? At the Hindoo fest of "Huli," which terminates on March 31, the Hindus amuse themselves in precisely the same way that we do. Their great object is to send unsuspecting and forgetful people on journeys with sham messages and then laugh at them. "Huli" and "All-Fools' Day" must be in some way connected.

The custom was a well-known one at the beginning of the eighteenth century. For Swift, in his journal to Stella in 1713, says on March 31 that he, Dr. Adam Smith, and Lady Masham had been amusing themselves that evening by contriving "a lie for to-morrow." And he did not find it necessary to explain in any way.

The most successful hoax with which the day has ever been clothed was took place in 1830. A number of prominent persons received a card bearing the following inscription:—

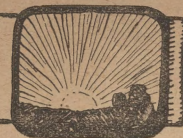
"Tower of London.—Admit the Beaver and Friend to view the annual ceremony of Washing the White Lions on Sunday, April 4, 1830. Admitted only at the White Gate. It is particularly requested that no gratuities be given to the Wardens or their assistants."

The card also bore an important and official-looking seal.

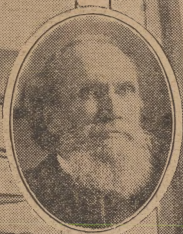
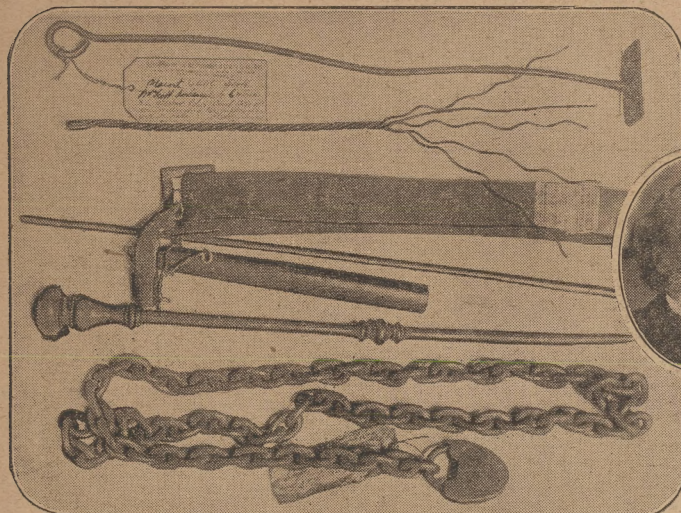
The public were completely fooled, and went in crowds to see the white lions cleaned. Hansoms and four-wheelers ran races round Tower-hill in vain search for the fabulous "White Gate," and pedestrians searched for it for hours.



A · DAY'S · HAPPENINGS ·



INSTRUMENTS WITH WHICH INHUMAN PEOPLE HAVE TORTURED CHILDREN.



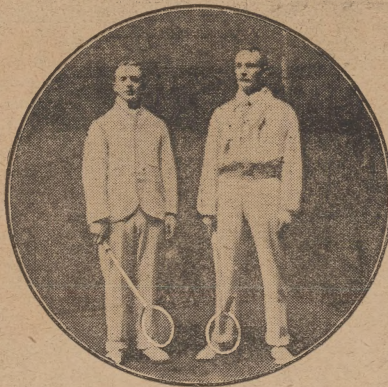
The Rev. B. Waugh, the well-known secretary of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, who is about to retire, has formed a collection of articles with which children have been tortured. The instruments in this photograph are on exhibition at the Society's rooms in Leicester-square, and they have all been used as evidence to secure convictions of inhuman parents and guardians who have ill-treated children.

INCONGRUOUS ADVERTISEMENTS.



The hoardings surrounding the great Torrey-Alexander Mission Hall in Brixton have been covered with advertisements of music-halls, theatres, and beer, and many interested in the revival object to this incongruous arrangement. Prominent among the plays thus advertised is "The Girl Who Lost Her Character."

RACQUETS CHAMPIONSHIP.



E. M. Baerlein, on the left, beat Eustace Miles in the final for the amateur racquets championship of England at Queen's Club. As H. K. Foster, the present champion, is expected to resign, Baerlein will probably succeed him.

LADIES AT HOCKEY—KENT v. ESS.



The lady hockey players of Kent beat the ladies of Essex Bickley by three goals to nil, after a keenly contested game. The photograph shows the winners, whose play was much admired, taking a roll-in.

FIRST TOY OF THE INFANT TSAREVITCH.



These grotesquely-painted figures, which fit one into another, form the first toy given to the infant son of the Tsar, whose portrait appears in the smaller photograph.

FISHERMEN-GOLFERS AT THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.



The fishermen-golfers who will play a team composed of members of Parliament to-day, photographed during their visit to the Houses of Parliament. The gentleman in the centre of the group is Mr. Maconochie, M.P., who is the host of the fishermen-golfers.

TO-DAY'S VARSITY BOAT RACE THE CREWS



The Oxford crew, who in the smaller photograph are seen leaving the shore for practice, and their coach. Reading from left to right, the names are: — Back row: H. M. Farrer, C. K. Phillips, L. R. Jones, W. A. L. Fletcher (coach), H. G. Bucknall (stroke), and A. H. Arbuthnot (spare man). Second row: A. H. Hales, E. P. Evans, A. K. Graham (president), A. R. Balfour, and R. W. Somers-Smith. In the front is L. P. Stedall (coxswain).—(Moyse.)



The Cambridge crew, who are shown in the smaller photograph practising over the course. Reading from left to right the names are: — Back row: E. P. W. Wedd, B. R. Winthrop Smith, G. D. Cochran (spare man), and W. B. Savory. Second row: P. H. Thomas, H. Sanger (president), C. H. S. Taylor (stroke), B. C. Johnstone, and R. V. Powell. In the front is R. Allcard (coxswain).—(Stearn.)

FOR FURTHER PARTICULARS OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS SEE PAGE 6.

CHILDREN'S HUMOUR.

Some Funny Schoolroom Stories

by Dr. Macnamara, M.P.

Dr. Macnamara's school stories are famous. His speeches always contain a number. To-day Messrs. Arrowsmith publish a collection of them under the title of "School-room Humour" (1s.).

Some of the short essays are delightful. Of the camel one child wrote:—

"Its nest is a very mean one, made of twigs, leaves, etc. It has a large body, and it is able to carry it full of water. It has two humps of fat on its back, on which it is able to feed when it is hungry. Its feet are webbed, in which it is able to cross the desert. Its air is used to make brushes which are used for painting. It also lays eggs. It eats worms."

The essay on the Salvation Army reveals power of observation:

"The Salvation Army is mostly on the street. The women in it cover up all their hair with funny sorts of bonnets that stick out in front to keep the rain off their faces. Sometimes they have names on their hats like sailors. They make a deal of noise. The dressed two is called the captain and lieutenant."

QUAINT DEFINITIONS.

It is in giving definitions that children make the funniest blunders. The definition of a blizzard as "the inside of a fowl" is not new, but the following certainly are:—

A veteran is "a man what does hosses."
Coolies are "men who live in cold countries."
A husbandman is "a man with two wives."
A graven image is "an idle maid with hands."
A battledore is "a door what a soldier comes out of."

A barbarian is "a man who cuts hair."
Poetry is "when every line begin with a capital letter."

The following can scarcely be described as a blunder:—

"A Heretic is one who never would believe what he was told, but only after seeing it and hearing it himself with his own eyes."

"This is a new view of the Constitution:—
"A Limited Monarchy is a government by monarchy, who in case of bankruptcy would not be responsible for the entire national debt. In private life you have the same thing with a Limited City Corporation."

"The son-in-law problem is revealed in the answer to 'What did Moses do for a living while he was staying with Jethro?'—'Please, sir, he married one of his daughters.'"

Excuses from home for non-attendance at school are often the cause of much amusement. This is delightful:—

Teacher: "Why did you stay away from school yesterday?"
"Please, sir, my mummy's ill."
Teacher (anxiously, for scarlet fever is bad in the village): "What does the doctor say it is?"
"Please, sir, he says it's a girl."

A dear little child was saying her prayers aloud beside her mother's knee, and added a prayer on her own account: "Oh, please, dear God, make me pure, absolutely pure as Epps' cocoa."

SOULS ADRIFT.

(Continued from page 10.)

his widow could not mourn his loss when he ended a troubled career at Majuba. His death was the best thing in his life. Violet, left a widow, came across her old sweetheart, who promptly proposed to her again, and was this time accepted; but the tired gentleman developed some distressing complaint, and died before the wedding day. Then it was that George Hallows adopted Kitty, took the tiny, brown-eyed girl, and gave her over to the charge of his sister.

"Here is all the daughter I shall ever have, Maria," he said, suspicious moisture dimming his kind blue eyes.

Kitty grew up and developed into an adorable little person. She was small and neatly built, had a saucy face, and a delicious rousé nose. The sun and the breeze had ripened her cheeks to the warm tint of the peach, and her hair was a rich brown. She had dainty little ways all her own, ways capricious and caressing, for she was the spilt darling of every old man. Her laughter was pure delight to the ear, and she had a roguish dimple; and there was scarcely a young man in Plymouth who failed to envy Jack Hallows his little sweetheart, for Kitty had worn a ring of Jack's selection ever since her seventeenth birthday—a betrothal hoop of pearls.

"Yes, Miss Melvyn, I'm really beautiful," returned Jack shortly. "I don't know when I have been so impressed by a woman's face. You'd have about her too, Kitty, if you saw her. She is just the type you admire, an early Italian Madonna."

"Perhaps I shall see this prodigy one day," remarked Kitty sharply, a rich flush colouring her cheeks, and her eyes were sometimes torn out to gaze, you know, Jack."

"You wouldn't be disappointed in Cecilia Melvyn," observed Jack Hallows slowly and thoughtfully; then he shaded his eyes with his hands and gazed straight out to sea. The sun was glittering the waters, shining out like a ball of fire on the horizon.

THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

ARMY RATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

My sentiments do not coincide with those of "Ex-Brabant's Horse," who says there was no fault to be found with the food. I feel sure I may safely say that if the majority of Regulars were consulted on this subject they would, to a man, say that "Ex-B. H.'s" experience was decidedly exceptional. Ex-B. D. Gd.

North Shields.

IMPERFECT MOTHERHOOD.

I think either Mr. Eugen Sandow or Mr. Bernard McFadden could give a true reason of the "Imperfect Motherhood" of to-day.

Present-day women have to thank themselves for restricting the development of their bodies by the continual use of corsets. Also they ought to take some regular course of physical exercise.

Leighton-road, Bristol. CHAS H. HARRIS.

"SOLDIERING AND CHRISTIANITY."

May I through the ideal paper of the day—the *Daily Mirror*—inform the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, that it was my privilege during the late South African campaign to meet many good Christian Service men—not mere professors, but men that lived up to the high standard of their faith. Went the late General Gordon and Havelock counted as "Hired assassins"? Surely, their heroic lives have left on the sands of time foot-prints that can never be erased.

SOUTH AFRICAN FIELD FORCE.

FAULT OR MISFORTUNE.

We cannot blame anyone for failing in life. All of us are what we are by heredity and environment.

What a man does will all depend on his physical and mental organisation and his monetary surroundings. In the severe struggle for success the weakest must go to the wall, and we must remember that those that are weak cannot help being so.

How many are failures through ill-health and other causes over which they have no control? Tiverton-street, Grimsby. W. B. RAMSLEY.

CONDEMNATION OF THE CHILDLESS.

I do not at all agree with the Rev. A. J. Waldron. Surely he knows that the country is, at the present time, frightfully over-populated.

Millions of people are starving, millions more are bordering on that condition, and every child born to parents of the working class adds to the existing terrible sum of misery, suffering, and want.

If I could, I would prohibit all marriages for a period of ten years, and would send to penal servitude for life both the parents of all illegitimate children born during that time. W. B. Bromley.

- TO-DAY'S BOOKS.

JACK VERESHOVY'S WIFE, by Gutterlinchen. Gay and Bird, 6s. The author frankly calls it old-fashioned. Except that there is rather an unusual lot of it, it is none the worse for that.

THE BLUE ADVENTURE BOOK, edited by A. T. Quiller-Couch. Cassell, 6s. It contains a wonderful series of stories from "The World of Adventure," is profusely illustrated, and printed on good paper. The sort of book that makes one wonder how it is done at the price.

IN MY GARDEN.

How To Make Sure of a Good Show of Roses When June Comes.

MARCH 31.—Now is the time for roses to be carefully pruned. This is a most important operation. It is impossible to have well-shaped and free-blooming trees without it. If roses are left severely alone, and not, as some people think, "barbarously cut about," small and miserable flowers must result.

The popular crimson climber, and other rampant climbers, should simply have weak growth cut away and the strong young shoots shortened a little. All dead wood must be removed.

Allen Richardson and Gloire de Dijon require much the same treatment.

Standard trees often need rather severe pruning. The shoots should be well thinned out and the strong young growth cut back to several eyes. As the roses on standards have all to bloom at the top of a single stem, they must be so trained that light and air are admitted to all the branches.

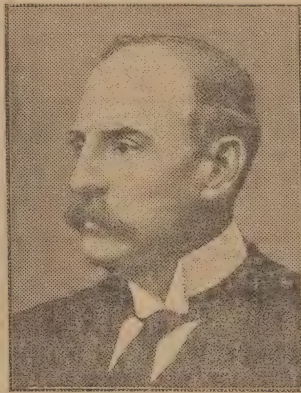
The same principle of pruning applies, on the whole, to dwarf and other trees. Slow growers, of course, must be less severely handled than those which make wood quickly.

Always cut to an outward eye, to keep the centre of the tree open, and remove suckers carefully during the summer.

After all, pruning can only be learned by experience, yet an amateur with the valuable guiding attribute of "common sense" will soon master its mysteries.

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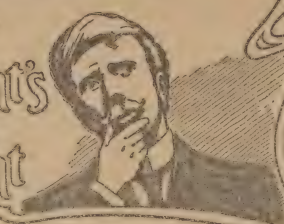
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KIRKLAND WINS THE GRAND NATIONAL.

Moifaa, the King's Horse, Falls at Beecher's Brook—Story of Disasters.

DESCRIPTIVE BY "GREY FRIARS."

Liverpool, Friday Night.—The Grand National well up to its traditional standard. It was fraught with thrilling incidents, and resulted in the defeat of the favorite candidate, Moifaa, and the victory of Kirkland, a Scotch hunter, who had put up with second place last year. The winner is owned by Mr. F. Bibby, one of the foremost men in commercial life in Liverpool, and a prominent figure on the turf.

Fortune seemed all against the royal colours from the outset. George Williamson, the jockey intended for Moifaa, got kicked by a stable companion of the horse while out at exercise in the morning, and the injured ankle made it necessary to engage another rider. Another accident occurred in the afternoon when the King arrived with the Knowsley party, long before Rosemarie was saddled to carry the purple and scarlet in the opening race.

This, the Bickerton Stakes of 600 sows, was won by the Lincoln Handicap failure, Vedas, who found a deluge-headed and angry in the saddle, and gave his true running. Vedas ran gamely, and upheld the contention of those who believe he is the best three-year-old, bar none, in the country. He was trained by the Earl of Derby, and the Derby he should make the best of the vaunted French contingent gallop at their very utmost.

Mrs. Langtry's pretty colts earned great distinction during the day, as a sweet fly in the morning, and a good runner in the afternoon. Moifaa, the King's horse, was ridden by Lord Stanley, and was expected to run well, but he, like many of the others, was a failure.

Immediately the Lella filly returned there was a general exodus to the paddock to see the Grand National. Among the many who gathered for the race, the Lella filly was a great proportion of ladies, whose bright toilettes added much to the picturesque scene. The Lella filly was ridden by Lord Stanley, and was expected to run well, but he, like many of the others, was a failure.

The variety of the chasers was remarkable. And the sequel marked the distinction with peculiar force, as one of the meanest-looking of the troop, Buckaway II., the competitors, like Cottenshope, were booted all round, and clipped in under the fence. The long-tailed Scotch gelding, with his chestnut coat, and his mane of gold, was expected to run well, but he, like many of the others, was a failure.

Lord Sefton was present with Mr. Garrett Moore, the hero of many a sensational race as an amateur horseman, saddled, longhopped. This horse had his mane and tail cut short, and was ridden by Lord Stanley, and was expected to run well, but he, like many of the others, was a failure.

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It was a remarkable field, and the packed stands, with their tens of thousands, and the thousands who encircled the mile circuit, and the course, packed high deep at the principal jumps, and on stands pitched in the ground, bore witness to the popularity of the Derby of steeplechasing.

The twenty-seven rivals were marshalled in good time under Mr. Cowen's eye, and the almost a first attempt, a bad start was effected. Mr. W. H. Pawsen, well known as an amateur rider, and one who recently acquired great distinction in training, was riding the King's horse, Moifaa, and was expected to run well, but he, like many of the others, was a failure.

The French division started immediately afterwards, and the King's horse, Moifaa, was ridden by Lord Stanley, and was expected to run well, but he, like many of the others, was a failure.

So the ranks were reduced in the first round, and as they came past the stands, half the race completed, Rannuccius led from Timothy Titus, and the King was expected to run well, but he, like many of the others, was a failure.

Hollabone, the rider of Rannuccius, has been chiefly accustomed to French race tracks, and was almost a stranger to the difficulties of the English steeplechase. In the first circuit, adopting an outside line on his own, he went fully 300 yds. farther than any other competitor, and in the second round, when in the second round, he was expected to run well, but he, like many of the others, was a failure.

The virtual competitors were now reduced to a handful, and of the prominent lot Rannuccius was first to

give way, after travelling in snatches, six as leader, then three lengths astern. Phil May popped up in the foremost division, but had scarcely threatened danger when his jockey fell off at a cross-section last fence, obviously more beaten than his mount.

Kirkland then came on, and amid tremendous cheering, the clearest of Napper Tandy, on whom the clever Percy Woodland rode a characteristic finish, and won by three lengths. The 100 to 1 chance, the Scotch hunter, galloped in front of the King's horse, Rannuccius, and the only other competitor the course was Hercules II. Band of Hope, Cottenshope, and the renowned Phil May.

Owner and jockey received an ovation on the winner's return. Mr. Bibby, as already said, is a local man, and the Scotch hunter, Rannuccius, comes from Hoylake, and is now prosperous enough to be a land-holder in the neighbourhood. The only jockey who had a bad fall in the fray was Morgan, rider of Timothy Titus.

SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

LIVERPOOL.
12.30—Liverpool Hurdle.—**THE FARMER.**
1.30—Tyro Stakes—**SWEET NOTHING.**
2.00—Earl of Sefton's Plate—**PUERTO.**
3.00—Stanley Stakes—**THE ROUKEN FILLY.**
3.30—Maghull Plate—**VERGIA.**

SPECIAL SELECTION.

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TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

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12.30—LIVERPOOL HURDLE HANDICAP OF 500 sows, Two miles, over eight hurdles.

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1.20—Twenty-fifth CHAMPION STEEPCHASE OF 500 sows, of which 100 sows for the second, 50 sows for the third, 100 sows for the fourth.

1.30—TYRO STAKES OF 150 sows, for two-year-olds.

2.00—EARL OF SEFTON'S PLATE (a handicap) of 500 sows, and 100 sows for the second, 50 sows for the third, 100 sows for the fourth.

2.30—SPRING CUP HANDICAP OF 500 sows, and 100 sows for the second, 50 sows for the third, 100 sows for the fourth.

3.00—STANLEY STAKES OF 150 sows, for two-year-olds.

3.30—MAGHULL PLATE OF 150 sows, One mile and a furlong.

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INTER-VARSITY SPORTS.

Oxford Beat Cambridge by Six and a half to Three and a half Events.

HAMILTON'S GREAT MILE.

Oxford beat Cambridge by six and a half events to three and a half in the forty-second annual inter-Varsity sports at the Queen's Club, West Kensington, yesterday afternoon. There were 6,000 spectators, including the Prince and Princess of Wales, who arrived shortly after the decision of the sprint, and evinced great interest in the contests.

The event of the day was the mile, in which C. C. Henderson-Hamilton set up an inter-Varsity record. His time, 4min. 17.4-sec., was the best accomplished in this country since J. Black made his record of 4min. 10.4-sec. in 1902.

The previous best was 4min. 19.4-sec., by W. C. Lohrey, in 1884. And the results are—
One Hundred Yards.—J. H. Morrell, Oxford, 1; W. Brass, Cambridge, 2; E. G. Mylne, Oxford, 3; A. J. S. Hann, Cambridge, 4. Won by last a yard, Time, 10.2-sec.

Quarter-Mile.—J. H. Morrell, Oxford, 1; K. Cornwallis, Cambridge, 2; T. H. W. B. Smith, Cambridge, 3; H. Van Name, Cambridge, 4. Won by three yards. Time, 51.1-sec.

Half-Mile.—A. H. Pyrie, Oxford, 1st, 51.1-sec.; J. K. Powell, Cambridge, 2nd, 51.1-sec.; K. MacKenzie, Oxford, 10th, 61.1-sec.; M. Spicer, Cambridge, 10th, 61.1-sec.

One Mile.—C. C. Henderson-Hamilton, Oxford, 1; A. R. Welch, Cambridge, 2; J. C. Kemp, Oxford, 3; H. F. Coggin, Cambridge, 4; H. E. Holding, Oxford, 5; K. MacKenzie, Cambridge, 6; J. K. Powell, Cambridge, 7; A. M. P. Lyle, Oxford, 8; E. R. J. Hussey, Oxford, 9. Won by less than a yard. Time, 10.2-sec.

High Jump.—P. M. Young (Oxford), E. E. Leader (Cambridge), and E. E. Pate-Tomlinson (Cambridge), tied at 5ft. 6in.

Long Jump.—W. G. W. Lytton, Cambridge, 31ft. 11in.; J. L. McKie, Cambridge, 30ft. 10in.; J. P. R. Daniell, Oxford, 34ft. 3in.; P. J. Keiss, Oxford, 34ft. 3in.

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Half-Mile.—K. Cornwallis, Oxford, 1; R. P. Crabbe, Cambridge, 2; H. G. Houghton, Oxford, 3; J. F. Spink, Cambridge, 4. Won by a dirty yard. Time, 51.1-sec.

NORTHERN UNION CUP-TIES.

For the time being League championship considerations in the Northern Union are quite eclipsed by Cup enthusiasm. The four Cup-ties, the Oldham-Bradford contest at Watersheadings easily takes precedence in the matter of interest.

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Broughton Rangers, regularly supposed to have the easiest task of the series, and drawing a line through their League position and that of Wakefield Trinity, they were taken for granted by the supporters.

It is favourable to Lancashire's hopes of bringing the Cup back to the Red Rose County once more that three of the four Cup-ties are being played at the same time, being the scene of the third, the lucky Wigan team being their opponents. It would be no surprise, however, if the fourth, the Wigan-Bradford tie, were to be played at the same time.

It is curious that, after visiting Hull in the second round to meet the town club, Hunslet should today be called upon to challenge a team from the same town, the Kingston Rovers. No doubt special steps have been taken to obviate the rowdiness which marked the match at the last time.

Hunslet, their injured list is less extensive than it was, and so their team to-day will be pretty representative. Many excursions are being run from Leeds to Wakefield for the match.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

ASSOCIATION.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH.
Crystal Palace: England v. Scotland.
THE TIE MATCHES.
Blackburn R. v. Newcastle Utd. v. Manchester Utd.
Rush v. Middlesex.
Sheff. W. v. Notts County.
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Division II.
Bradford City v. Burnley.
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BETTER FEELING ON 'CHANGE—CONSOLS AT 91 7-16—PEACE RUMOURS RAISE BELLEGGERS' SECURITIES.

CAPITAL COURT, Friday Evening.—A very much better feeling is seen on the Stock Exchange to-day. To a considerable extent it was due to "best" covering. The confidence with which the probability of peace was undoubtedly the main cause. It was seen in a rise in Russian bonds to 90 on good Paris buying, and in the considerable improvement in Japanese securities. The new scrip has risen to 21 premium. It seems to be thought that the allotments will be out on Tuesday or Wednesday next, and the scrip will be very confident market almost all round, and with money prospects brighter, the Stock Markets improved in the closing hour, and for once in a long time there was a decidedly strong street market in Kafirs.

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